



# Public Notice

<b>U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers</b>	Permit Application No:	NWP Reissuance
	Date Issued:	2 November 2006
<b>Albuquerque District</b>	Comments Due:	18 December 2006

## NATIONWIDE PERMIT REISSUANCE REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

On September 26, 2006, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published in the Federal Register its proposal to reissue its nationwide permits (NWP).

Nationwide permits are general permits issued on a nationwide basis to streamline the authorization of activities that result in minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the aquatic environment. Many of the proposed NWPs require notification to the district engineer before commencing the work, to ensure that the activities authorized by those NWPs have minimal individual and cumulative adverse impacts on the aquatic environment.

National Issues Concerning the Proposed NWPs: The Federal Register notice is the public's opportunity to comment on the proposed NWPs, general conditions, and definitions. Comments on national issues relating to these NWPs should be submitted to docket number COE-2006-0005 at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Instructions for submitting comments are provided in the September 26, 2006, Federal Register notice. Comments on the proposed NWPs are due by November 27, 2006.

Regional Issues Concerning the Proposed NWPs, Including Regional Conditioning: Division engineers are authorized to add regional conditions specific to the needs and/or requirements of a particular region or state. Regional conditions are important mechanisms to ensure that impacts to the aquatic environment authorized by the NWPs are minimal, both individually and cumulatively. Division engineers may also suspend or revoke specific NWPs in certain geographic areas (e.g., states or watersheds) or high-value aquatic systems where impacts authorized by those NWPs may be more than minimal. An enclosure for this public notice (Enclosure 1) lists the proposed regional conditions for New Mexico currently under consideration by the Albuquerque District. The Albuquerque District is seeking comments on the proposed regional conditions and seeking comments on the need for additional regional conditions to help ensure that impacts authorized by the proposed NWPs are minimal. Unless otherwise noted, all proposed regional conditions listed on this enclosure are applicable for activities

in New Mexico. Comments on regional issues relating to the proposed NWP and regional conditions are to be sent to Albuquerque District, Regulatory Branch, 4101 Jefferson Plaza NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109-3435, Attn: Mr. Donald Borda. Comments relating to regional conditions are due by December 18, 2006. Similar public notices proposing regional conditions in other regions or States are being published concurrently by other division or district offices.

In conjunction with the Federal Register notice, Corps districts will be announcing proposed regional conditions for these NWPs for public comment. When the final NWPs are issued, the final regional conditions will be issued at the same time so that the States and Tribes can make their Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification consistency determination decisions. The 401 decisions must be made within 60 days of the Federal Register notice announcing the issuance of the NWPs. After that 60-day period, the NWPs and the regional conditions will become effective.

Draft decision documents, which include environmental documentation required by the National Environmental Policy Act, have been prepared by Corps Headquarters. The decision documents will address compliance of the NWPs with the requirements for issuance under general permit authority. These documents, as well as the proposed NWPs, are available for viewing at the above address or on the Internet at the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site (docket ID number COE-2006-0005). Final decision documents will be prepared for those NWPs that are issued. In addition, supplemental decision documents will be issued by division engineers to address their determinations concerning regional conditions for the NWPs.

Enclosed is an index of the proposed NWPs and conditions. Anyone wishing to provide comments may obtain a full text copy of the NWPs through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (docket ID number COE-2006-0005), the Corps home page or the Federal Register address listed below.

*Internet addresses:*

Copies of the Federal Register notice and the draft decision documents will also be available at <http://www.regulations.gov> in docket ID number COE-2006-0005. The Corps home page is: <http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg/> . As an alternate, internet users can access the Federal Register through the Government Printing Office (GPO) at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html> .

## **Index of Proposed Nationwide Permits, Conditions, and Definitions**

### **Proposed Nationwide Permits**

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3. Maintenance
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5. Scientific Measurement Devices
6. Survey Activities
7. Outfall Structures and Associated Intake Structures
8. Oil and Gas Structures on the Outer Continental Shelf
9. Structures in Fleeting and Anchorage Areas
10. Mooring Buoys
11. Temporary Recreational Structures
12. Utility Line Activities
13. Bank Stabilization
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15. U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges
16. Return Water From Upland Contained Disposal Areas
17. Hydropower Projects
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19. Minor Dredging
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21. Surface Coal Mining Operations
22. Removal of Vessels
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26. [Reserved]
27. Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Establishment, and Enhancement Activities
28. Modifications of Existing Marinas
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30. Moist Soil Management for Wildlife
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- 39. Commercial and Institutional Developments
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#### **Proposed Nationwide Permit General Conditions**

- 1. Navigation
- 2. Aquatic Life Movements
- 3. Spawning Areas
- 4. Migratory Bird Breeding Areas
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- 6. Suitable Material
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## **Proposed Nationwide Permit Definitions**

Best management practices (BMPs)  
Compensatory mitigation  
Currently serviceable  
Enhancement  
Ephemeral stream  
Establishment (creation)  
Independent utility  
Intermittent stream  
Loss of waters of the United States  
Non-tidal wetland  
Open water  
Perennial stream  
Practicable  
Pre-construction notification  
Preservation  
Re-establishment  
Rehabilitation  
Restoration  
Riffle and pool complex  
Riparian areas  
Single and complete project  
Stormwater management  
Stormwater management facilities  
Stream bed  
Stream channelization  
Structure  
Tidal wetland  
Vegetated shallows  
Waterbody